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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

ALBERT JIMENEZ :

Plaintiff : C

CIVIL ACTION

VS.

DOCKET NO.:

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

THE COUNCIL OF THE FAIRMONT

:

Defendant

COMPLAINT

The plaintiff, Albert Jimenez, by and through his attorney, George R. Szymanski, brings this civil action, and avers as follows:

#### THE PARTIES

- 1. The plaintiff, Albert Jimenez, is an adult individual and citizen of the State of New Jersey, residing in Burlington County at 230 Southview Drive, Delran, New Jersey 08075.
- 2. The defendant, The Council of the Fairmont, is a Pennsylvania condominium association which owns, controls, operates and maintains the Fairmont, which is a residential complex of condominiums and apartments located at 41 Conshohocken State Road, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. The amount in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000.00, excluding interest and costs. Moreover, as the plaintiff is a citizen of the State of New Jersey, and as the defendant is a citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, there is diversity of citizenship. Therefore, jurisdiction is vested in this court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332.

4. Venue is appropriate in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b), as it is the judicial district in which the claims asserted herein arose, and because the defendant is located and does business within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, specifically Montgomery County.

#### THE FACTS

- 5. On January 17, 2012, at approximately 8:00 a.m., the plaintiff, Albert Jimenez, drove his work van onto the premises of The Fairmont, 41 Conshohocken State Road, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania and into its back parking lot, which was reserved for contractors, as Mr. Jimenez had been performing work as an independent contractor for various residents of The Fairmont.
- 6. Mr. Jimenez got out of his vehicle, and as he was carrying various tools and materials in his hands, Mr. Jimenez was unable to see the black ice which had accumulated on the blacktop of the parking lot, and he fell violently onto his left hip and onto the ground.
- 7. Mr. Jimenez's fall caused him to suffer serious physical and emotional injuries, including post-traumatic lumbar disc pathology at multiple levels; radiculopathy at L5-S1; tendonitis of the left hip joint with strain and sprain injuries of the left thigh; myositis and spasm of the cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine with dyskinesia; and post-traumatic stress with associated depression.
- 8. Mr. Jimenez was unable to work for approximately four months, which resulted in a loss of wages totaling approximately \$24,000.00. Also, the plaintiff has suffered a permanent diminished earning capacity as the result of this accident.
- 9. Mr. Jimenez's accident, injuries and damages were caused by the negligence of The Council of the Fairmont.

10. The black ice which existed on the parking lot at The Fairmont where the plaintiff parked his work van constituted a dangerous defect which existed on the premises of the defendant.

11. The defendant knew or should have known of the existence of the dangerous defect, that is, the black ice, on its premises before the plaintiff's fall.

12. The defendant failed to take reasonable steps to rectify the dangerous defect which existed on its premises and also failed to warn business invitees, such as the plaintiff, Albert Jimenez, of the existence of this dangerous defect.

13. The plaintiff's accident would not have occurred absent negligence on the part of the defendant.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff demands that judgment be entered in his favor and against the defendant for an amount including compensatory damages, as well as interest and litigation costs.

## JURY DEMAND

The plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

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